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1. It is the purpose of this paper to give a representation of the points, lines, and planes of a projective space of three dimensions by means of the points of a single line,  $\bar{l}$ , which we call the fundamental line. To this end we assume that certain projective transformations, or projectivities, which are of two kinds, non-degenerate and degenerate, are defined on  $\bar{l}$  with the following properties:

I. Non-degenerate Projectivities:

1. A non-degenerate projectivity is a one-to-one correspondence between the points of  $\bar{l}$  which has a unique one-to-one inverse.

2. A non-degenerate projectivity is completely determined when there are given any three distinct pairs of homologous points which belong to it. Here a homologous pair is used so as to include the case where the pair consists of coincident points. The foregoing statement then includes the determination of a non-degenerate projectivity by means of one double point ( two double points ) and two homologous pairs (one homologous pair) of distinct points.



3. If a projectivity leaves three distinct points of  $\bar{l}$  invariant, it leaves every point of  $\bar{l}$  invariant. This projectivity is called the identical projectivity.

4. If  $A, B, C, D$  are four points of  $\bar{l}$ , we have

$$ABCD \bar{\wedge} BADC.$$

5. If we have  $MNAA' \bar{\wedge} MNBB'$ , we also have

$$MNAB \bar{\wedge} MNA'B'.$$

6. A projectivity having one, and only one, double point is called parabolic.

7. A non-identical projectivity of period two is called an involution. Any projectivity giving  $AA' \bar{\wedge} A'A$  for any single point  $A$  which is not a double point is an involution.

8. The class of all non-degenerate projectivities on  $\bar{l}$  forms a group  $G$ .

II. Degenerate Projectivities. The only degenerate projectivities considered in this paper are of two classes.

1. Class C' consists of all degenerate projective transformations on  $\bar{l}$  such that each projectivity of the class leaves the point  $M$  invariant and transforms another point of  $\bar{l}$  successively into each point of  $\bar{l}$  distinct from  $M$ .

2. Class C'' consists of all degenerate projective

transformations on  $\bar{l}$  such that each projectivity of the class leaves the point  $M$  invariant and successively transforms each point of  $\bar{l}$  distinct from  $M$  into a single point of  $\bar{l}$  distinct from  $M$ .

The class  $C_m = [\pi]$  of all projectivities leaving the point  $M$  invariant is of fundamental importance in what follows. It consists of the classes  $G'$  and  $G''$  together with a subgroup  $G_\pi$  of  $G$ , which consists of all projectivities of  $G$  leaving the point  $M$  invariant. In what follows the letter  $\pi$  with or without subscripts or primes ( $\pi, \pi_1, \pi_i, \pi', \dots$ ) will always denote a projectivity of the class  $C_m$ .

### III. Throws:

1. Two ordered pairs of points  $AB, CE$  constitute a throw,  $T(AB, CE)$ . Two throws are said to be equal if they are projective; i.e.  $T(AB, CE) = T(A'B', C'D')$ , if, and only if,

$$AB, CE \xrightarrow{\pi} A'B', C'D'$$

2. By I,4 we always have

$$T(AB, CE) = T(BA, EC) = T(CE, AB) = T(EC, BA).$$

3. If  $M$  and  $N$  are double points of a projectivity and  $AA'$  is any homologous pair ( $A \neq M, N$ ), the throw  $T(MN, AA')$  is called the characteristic throw of the projectivity. This term is justified by II,5, since if  $BB'$  is any other homologous pair

( $B \neq M, N$ ), we have  $T(MN, AA') = T(MN, BB')$ .

4. The characteristic throw of a parabolic projectivity is  $T(MM, AA')$ . Evidently the characteristic throws of any two parabolic projectivities are equal to each other and also equal to the throw  $T(AB, CC)$ , which is the characteristic throw of the identical projectivity. This throw is denoted  $T_{\pi}$ .

5. The characteristic throw of any projectivity of  $C'$  is  $T(MA, AB)$ , which will be denoted  $T_{\infty}$ . The characteristic throw of any projectivity of  $C''$  is  $T(MB, AB)$ , which will be denoted  $T_0$ .

6. Any projectivity of  $G$  is completely determined when its characteristic throw and two pairs of homologous points are given. Any degenerate projectivity of  $C_{\pi}$  is completely determined when its characteristic throw, the double point  $N$ , and another pair of homologous points are given.

In the foregoing statements nothing is assumed as to the number or nature of the points on  $\bar{l}$  except that the existence of at least three distinct points is tacitly assumed.

2. One theorem concerning the projectivities of  $C_M$  which we shall use frequently is inserted here as an introductory lemma.

Introductory Lemma. ( I.L.). If  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are any two distinct projectivities of  $C_M$ , the necessary and sufficient condition that  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  shall have in common either a pair of distinct homologous points or a double point distinct from  $M$  is that  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  shall have different characteristic throws.

In the case where both  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  belong to  $G_M$ , if they have a common pair, say  $R_1 R_2$ , it is evident that the projectivity  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1$  has  $R_1$  for a double point, and conversely, if  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1$  has a double point distinct from  $M$ , that  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  have a common pair. It follows from III,6 that if two distinct projectivities of  $G_M$ , ~~they~~ have their characteristic throws equal, they cannot have a common pair of distinct homologous points or a common double point distinct from  $M$ . Therefore if  $T_1 = T_2$ ,  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1$  is parabolic. If  $T_1 \neq T_2$ , it follows from III,4 that at least one of the projectivities  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ , say  $\pi_2$ , has a double point distinct from  $M$ , say  $C$ . Then  $\pi_2(MCA_1) = MCA_2$ , where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  form a pair of distinct homologous points of  $\pi_2$ . Let  $C'$  and  $A'$  be so defined that

$$\pi_1(MNC'A') = MNC A_2.$$

Then  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1(MO'A') = MOA_1$ . Let  $\pi'$  be the projectivity determined by  $T_2$ , the double point  $M$ , and the pair  $O'O$ . Then  $\pi'^{-1}(A_2)$  will be distinct from  $A'$ , say  $A''$ .

$$\pi_2^{-1}\pi'(MO'A'') = MOA_1.$$

$\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi'$  are distinct projectivities of  $G_\pi$ , and therefore cannot both be parabolic, for if they were they would have in common the throw  $T_\pi$  as well as the double point  $M$  and the pair  $O'O$ .  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi'$  is parabolic since  $T_2 = T'$ . Therefore  $\pi_2^{-1}\pi_1$  has a double point distinct from  $M$ , and it follows that  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  have either a pair of distinct homologous points or a double point distinct from  $M$  in common.

The truth of the theorem has therefore been established for the case where neither  $\pi_1$  nor  $\pi_2$  is degenerate, and it is obvious if either  $\pi_1$  or  $\pi_2$  is degenerate.



### Geometry of Planar Points.

3. Definitions of Planar Points and Planar Lines. If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are any two points of the fundamental line, each distinct from  $M$ , the ordered pair of points  $(P_1, P_2)$  constitutes an ordinary planar point  $P$ .  $P_1$  ( $P_2$ ) is called the first (second) component of the planar point  $P$ . The point  $P = (P_1, P_2)$  is distinct from the point  $(P_2, P_1)$  whenever  $P_1$  is distinct from  $P_2$ .

Any throw of points  $T(GH, IJ)$  on the fundamental line constitutes an ideal planar point. Any two ideal planar points coincide if, and only if, the throws of points on  $\bar{l}$  which constitute them are equal.

If  $\pi$  is any projectivity of  $C_m$ , the totality of ordinary planar points consisting of pairs of homologous points of  $\pi$  together with the ideal planar point consisting of the characteristic throw of  $\pi$  constitutes an ordinary planar line  $l$ . The projectivity  $\pi$  which determines  $l$  is called the projectivity of  $l$ . In denoting a planar line and its projectivity the letters  $l$  and  $\pi$  will be given the same subscripts and primes. <sup>\*</sup>

The totality of ideal planar points constitutes the ideal planar line.

The planar line whose projectivity is of Class C' (Class C") is called a special planar line of Class I (Class II).

*\* If a planar line is denoted by  $a, b$ , or other letter different from  $l$ , its projectivity will be denoted by  $\pi_a, \pi_b$ , etc.*

#### 4. Theorems of Alignment for Planar Points.

THEOREM I. If A and B are any two distinct planar <sup>points</sup>  $\wedge$ , A and B are on one, and only one, planar line.

This theorem follows immediately from I,2 except for the case where both A and B are ideal; and in this case it is evident that A and B are on the ideal planar line, and on no other line.

THEOREM II. If  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are any two distinct planar lines,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are on one, and only one, planar point.

This follows immediately from I.L. for all cases except that in which either  $l_1$  or  $l_2$  is the ideal planar line, in which case the ideal point of the ordinary planar line is a common point, and is the only common point.

5. Definitions. Planar Pencils. The set of all planar lines  $\wedge$  through a given planar point S forms a pencil of planar lines [l] on the point S, which is called the center of the pencil [l]. The set of all planar points  $\wedge^P$  on a planar line l constitutes a pencil of planar points [P] on the line l, which is called the axis of the pencil [P]. The distinction should be made between the line l and the pencil [P] of points on l that in speaking of the pencil the points are thought of as separate points capable of entering into a one-to-one recipro-

cal correspondence with the elements of another planar pencil, which may be either a pencil of points on the same line  $l$  or on a line distinct from  $l$  or a pencil of planar lines  $[l^i]$ .

Planar Perspectivities. If  $[P^i]$  and  $[Q^i]$  are pencils of planar points on distinct planar lines  $l_p$  and  $l_q$  respectively having a one-to-one reciprocal correspondence established between them so that corresponding to each  $P^i$  there is a unique  $Q^i$ , and vice versa, and if there exists a planar point  $S$  not on  $l_p$  or  $l_q$  such that  $S$  is collinear with each  $P^i$  and its homologue  $Q^i$ , the pencil  $[P^i]$  is said to be perspective from the center  $S$  with the pencil  $[Q^i]$ :  $[P^i] \stackrel{S}{\equiv} [Q^i]$ . This correspondence is called a planar perspectivity. There is evidently determined also a one-to-one reciprocal correspondence between  $[P^i]$  and a pencil of lines  $[l^i]$  on  $S$  in which each point  $P^i$  corresponds to the line through  $S$  on which it lies. This is also a planar perspectivity. With any planar point  $S$  not on  $l_p$  or  $l_q$  as center, it is always possible to determine pencils  $[P^i]$  and  $[Q^i]$  on lines  $l_p$  and  $l_q$  respectively so that  $[P^i] \stackrel{S}{\equiv} [Q^i]$ . But if  $[P^i]$  and  $[Q^i]$  are given with a correspondence already established between them, it is not always possible to find any point  $S$  such that  $[P^i] \stackrel{S}{\equiv} [Q^i]$ .

Fundamental Pencils. With the ordinary points of a planar pencil  $[P^i]$  on an ordinary planar line  $l_p$  there are evidently

associated in general two sets of points  $[P_1^i]$  and  $[P_2^i]$  of the fundamental line in which  $P_1^i$  and  $P_2^i$  are respectively the first and second components of  $P^i$ . Introducing the double point  $M$  of  $\pi_p$ , the projectivity of  $l_p$ , into each of the pencils  $[P_1^i]$  and  $[P_2^i]$  as the homologue of  $T_p$ , the ideal point of  $l_p$ , we have two projective sets of points  $[P_1^i]$  and  $[P_2^i]$  on  $\bar{l}$ , which we shall call the first and second fundamental pencils respectively of the planar pencil  $[P^i]$ . The introduction of  $M$  into the fundamental pencils is justified by the fact that the planar pencils  $[P^i]$  and  $[Q^i]$  on distinct planar lines  $l_p$  and  $l_q$  respectively will have their common point represented by  $M$  in each fundamental pencil if, and only if,  $l_p$  and  $l_q$  meet in an ideal point. The pair  $(M, M)$  must not be thought of as uniquely designating a point, except that since an ordinary line has only one ideal point,  $(M, M)$  uniquely designates a point of a pencil on any ordinary planar line which is known to be the axis of the pencil. In case the axis of the pencil  $[P^i]$  is a special planar line of Class I ( Class II ) the first ( second ) fundamental pencil of  $[P^i]$  degenerates into the double points of the projectivity of the axis. If  $M$  and  $N$  are the points into which such a pencil degenerates, the pencil is said to be degenerate on  $N$ .

Planar Projectivities. A planar projectivity between two pencils of points  $[P]$  and  $[Q]$  is a one-to-one reciprocal correspondence between  $[P]$  and  $[Q]$  established by means of a sequence of perspectivities finite in number.

$$[P] \xrightarrow{\wedge} [Q], \text{ if } [P] \xrightarrow{\wedge}^1 [P'] \xrightarrow{\wedge}^2 [P''] \cdots \cdots [Q'] \xrightarrow{\wedge}^n [Q].$$

6. In this section will be presented a set of theorems leading to the fundamental theorem of projective geometry for planar points.

THEOREM III. If  $[A^i]$  and  $[B^i]$  are two pencils of planar points on distinct ordinary planar lines  $a$  and  $b$  respectively and  $[A_j^i]$  ( $j=1,2$ ) and  $[B_k^i]$  ( $k=1,2$ ) are non-degenerate fundamental pencils of  $[A^i]$  and  $[B^i]$  respectively, and if we have  $[A^i] \xrightarrow{\wedge}^C [B^i]$ , where  $C$  is any planar point not on  $a$  or  $b$ , then there exists a projectivity of  $G$ , say  $\pi$ , such that  $\pi[A_j^i] = [B_k^i]$ .

Case I.  $C = (C_1, C_2)$  is an ordinary planar point. As a first step we will show that the theorem holds for Case I if  $b$  is a special line of Class I whose first fundamental pencil is degenerate on  $B_1$  and  $a$  is not a special line. Let  $C_1^i$  and  $B_2^i$  be points of  $\bar{l}$  such that  $\pi_a(C_1^i B_2^i) = C_2 B_1^i$ .

$$\text{Then } \pi_a(MC_1^i A_1^i B_2^i) = MC_2 A_2^i B_1^i,$$

$$\pi_i(MC_1 A_1^i B_1) = MC_2 A_2^i B_1^i,$$

$$\text{and } \pi_i^{-1} \pi_a(MC_1^i A_1^i B_2^i) = MC_1 A_1^i B_1.$$

$$\text{From I,4 we have } MC_1^i A_1^i B_2^i \xrightarrow{\wedge} A_1^i B_1 MC_1.$$



It follows from I,7 that the preceding projectivity is an involution and hence  $MC_1 B_2^i B_1 \bar{\wedge} A_1^i B_1 C_1 C_1^i$ , from which by I, 4

$$MC_1 B_2^i B_1 \bar{\wedge} C_1 C_1^i A_1^i B_1 .$$

Therefore  $[B_2^i] \bar{\wedge} [A_1^i]$ , and since  $\pi_a[A_1^i] = [A_2^i]$  and  $\pi_a[B_2^i] = [B_1^i]$ , it follows that  $[A_1^i] \bar{\wedge} [A_2^i] \bar{\wedge} [B_1^i]$ .

A similar course of reasoning leads to similar result if  $[A_1^i]$ ,  $[A_2^i]$ , or  $[B_1^i]$  is degenerate instead of  $[B_1^i]$ .

If both  $a$  and  $b$  are special lines, it is only necessary to consider the pencil  $[E^i] \stackrel{O}{=} [l^i]$ , where  $[E^i]$  has for its axis a non-special ordinary planar line of which  $O$  is not a point. Then each of the fundamental pencils of  $[E^i]$  is projective with the non-degenerate fundamental pencil on each of the pencils  $[A^i]$  and  $[B^i]$ . Therefore the non-degenerate fundamental pencils of  $[A^i]$  and  $[B^i]$  are projective with each other.

If neither  $a$  nor  $b$  is a special line, a somewhat similar course of reasoning is employed. The auxiliary planar pencil has for its axis a special line.

Case II. Let  $O$  be an ideal planar point, say  $T$ .

Let  $A^i$  be the point common to  $a$  and  $l^i$ , and  $N^i = (N^i, N^i)$ , the double point of  $\pi^i$ , the projectivity of  $l^i$ . If  $R$  is any point of  $a$  whose components are distinct, it determines with  $T$  a line  $r$ . Let the double points of  $\pi_a$  and  $\pi_r$  be  $Q$  and  $K$

respectively. Then we have the following projectivities:

$$\pi_a \quad M Q A_1^i R_1 \bar{\wedge} M Q A_2^i R_2 ,$$

$$\pi^i \quad M N^i A_1^i \bar{\wedge} M N^i A_2^i ,$$

$$\pi_r \quad M K R_1 \bar{\wedge} M K R_2 ,$$

$$\pi_x \quad M N^i A_1^i A_2^i \bar{\wedge} M K R_1 R_2 , \text{ from } \pi_r \text{ and } \pi^i$$

$$\pi'_a \quad M Q A_1^i A_2^i \bar{\wedge} M Q R_1 R_2 , \text{ from } \pi_a \text{ by I,5,}$$

$\pi_x$  and  $\pi'_a$  are the same projectivity by I,2 , and therefore

$$M Q N^i A_2^i \bar{\wedge} M Q K R_1 , \text{ and by I,5}$$

$$M Q N^i K \bar{\wedge} M Q A_1^i R_1 .$$

Therefore  $[A_1^i] \bar{\wedge} [N^i]$ , which is both first and second fundamental pencil of that planar pencil perspective with  $[l^i]$  on the planar line whose projectivity is the identical projectivity, which line is called the identical line, or for brevity  $m$ . Therefore the theorem holds if either  $a$  or  $b$  coincides with  $m$ . If  $a \neq m$  and  $b \neq m$ , the planar pencil on  $m$  which is perspective with  $[l^i]$  can be introduced as an auxiliary pencil, and the theorem is then seen to hold for this case also. The proof just given for Case II does not hold, however, if  $T_a$ ,  $T_o$ , or  $T_m$  is taken as the center of the perspectivity. If  $T_a$  or  $T_o$  is used the truth of the theorem is obvious. The proof for the case where  $T_m$  is the center of the pencil  $[l^i]$  is still outstanding.

THEOREM IV. If a pencil of points  $[T^i]$  on the ideal planar line is projected by means of two ordinary planar points  $P$  and  $Q$  as centers into the pencils  $[A^i]$  and  $[B^i]$  on the ordinary planar lines  $a$  and  $b$  respectively, it follows that there is a projectivity which transforms a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[A^i]$  into a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[B^i]$ .

Case I.  $P_1 \neq P_2, Q_1 \neq Q_2$ . Let  $[l^i]$  and  $[l^{ii}]$  be the pencils of lines on  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively, and let  $N^i$  and  $N^{ii}$  be the double points of  $\pi^i$  and  $\pi^{ii}$  respectively.

Then  $\pi^i(M N^i P_1) = M N^i P_2$  and  $\pi^{ii}(M N^{ii} Q_1) = M N^{ii} Q_2$ . Since  $l^i$  and  $l^{ii}$  are concurrent in an ideal point,  $\pi^i$  and  $\pi^{ii}$  have equal characteristic throws, and

$$M N^i P_1 P_2 \bar{\wedge} M N^{ii} Q_1 Q_2.$$

$\therefore [N^i] \bar{\wedge} [N^{ii}]$ , where  $[N^i]$  and  $[N^{ii}]$  are the double fundamental pencils, so to speak, of planar pencils  $V [N^i]$  and  $[N^{ii}]$  on the identical line  $m$ . By Theorem III Case I,  $[A^i] \bar{\wedge} [N^i]$  and  $[B^i] \bar{\wedge} [N^{ii}]$ .  $\therefore [A^i] \bar{\wedge} [B^i]$ .

Case II. Either  $P$  or  $Q$  is on, or both are on,  $m$ . The proof for this case is still outstanding.

THEOREM V. If  $[P]$  and  $[Q]$  are pencils of planar points on the ordinary planar lines  $p$  and  $q$  respectively such that  $[P] \bar{\wedge} [Q]$ , then there is a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[P]$  which is projective with a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[Q]$ .

In the sequence of perspectivities which determines the planar projectivity  $[P] \bar{\wedge} [Q]$ , each planar pencil which has an ordinary planar line for its axis has at least one non-degenerate fundamental pencil, which by Theorem III or Theorem IV is projective with a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of the next planar pencil of the sequence which has an ordinary planar line for its axis. For two successive planar pencils of the sequence cannot have the ideal line as axis. Thus it is possible to establish a sequence of projectivities of  $G$  between successive fundamental pencils leading from a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[P]$  to a non-degenerate fundamental pencil of  $[Q]$ .

THEOREM VI. The fundamental theorem of projectivity for planar points. If  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are any four distinct planar points of a planar line  $l$ , and if  $A B C D \bar{\wedge} A B C D'$ , it follows that  $D = D'$ .

Case I.  $l$  is an ordinary planar line. By Theorem V the planar projectivity  $A B C D - A B C D'$  determines on  $\bar{l}$  at least one projectivity of  $G$ ,  $A_i B_i C_i D_i \bar{\wedge} A_j B_j C_j D'_j \quad (i=1,2) \quad (j=1,2)$ .

It is also possible to take  $i=j$ , since if  $l$  is a special line,  $i$  is necessarily equal to  $j$ , and otherwise  $[P_1] = [P_2]$ . Hence by I, 3,  $D_i = D_i$ , and therefore  $D = D'$ .

Case II.  $l$  is the ideal line. Let  $A, B, C, D$ , and  $D'$  be projected from a point not on  $l$  into  $\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}, \bar{D}$ , and  $\bar{D}'$  respectively. Then in the planar projectivity,  $\bar{A} \bar{B} \bar{C} \bar{D} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \bar{A} \bar{B} \bar{C} \bar{D}'$ ,  $\bar{D} = \bar{D}'$  by Case I, and therefore  $D = D'$ .

Having thus established the Fundamental Theorem for planar points, all theorems of projective geometry in a plane may be derived. In particular it is now possible to prove the Theorem of Desargues concerning perspective triangles which, as is well known, is not derivable from the theorems of alignment in the plane alone (although it can be proved from the theorems of alignment in space without the Fundamental Theorem). We will state it for reference as follows:

Theorem of Desargues. If two triangles in the same plane are perspective from a point, the three pairs of homologous sides meet in collinear points.



# GEOMETRY OF SPATIAL POINTS.

## 7. Definitions of spatial points and ordinary spatial lines.

An ordinary spatial point consists of an ordered triple of points on the fundamental line  $\bar{l}$ , each point of the triple being distinct from the point  $M$ .  $P = (P_1, P_2, P_3)$ ,  $P_i \neq M$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

An ideal spatial point  $T$  consists of an ordered triple of throws of points  $(T_1, T_2, T_3)$  on the fundamental line  $\bar{l}$  such that there are three projectivities of  $C_m$ ,  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3$  of which  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  are the respective characteristic throws, and that the product  $\pi_3\pi_2\pi_1$  leaves invariant every point of  $\bar{l}$  upon which  $\pi_1$  operates. If  $T$  and  $T'$  are two ideal spatial points such that two components of  $T$  are respectively equal to the two corresponding components of  $T'$ , the remaining component of  $T$  equals the remaining component of  $T'$  unless both  $T$  and  $T'$  have  $T_0$  and  $T_\infty$  as components, in which case the remaining component of either ideal point is undetermined by the components given.

If  $\pi', \pi'', \pi'''$  are three projectivities of  $C_m$  such that at least one of the three products  $\pi'''\pi''\pi'$ ,  $\pi''\pi'\pi'''$ ,  $\pi'\pi'''\pi''$  leaves  $\bar{l}$  point-wise invariant, the ordered triple of projectivities  $(\pi', \pi'', \pi''')$  determines an ordinary spatial line  $l$ , which consists of the set of all ordinary spatial points  $[X^i]$  such that  $\pi'(X_1^i) = X_2^i$ ,  $\pi''(X_2^i) = X_3^i$ , and  $\pi'''(X_3^i) = X_1^i$ , together with the ideal spatial point  $T = (T_1, T_2, T_3)$ , where  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  are the characteristic throws

of  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ , and  $\pi'''$  respectively. The projectivities  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ , and  $\pi'''$  are called the first, second, and third projectivities of  $l$  respectively.

The set of all spatial points on any spatial line  $l$  constitutes a pencil of spatial points  $[P]$ . The line  $l$  is called the axis of the pencil. If  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ , and  $\pi'''$  are all non-degenerate, corresponding to the pencil  $[P]$ , there are three projective sets of points on  $\bar{l}$   $[P_1]$ ,  $[P_2]$ , and  $[P_3]$ , which are called the first, second, and third fundamental pencils of  $[P]$  respectively.

If  $\pi'$  is of Class C' degenerate on a point  $P$  of  $\bar{l}$ , it is evident either that  $\pi''$  must be of Class C" degenerate on  $P$  and  $\pi'''$  of  $G_m$ , or  $\pi''$  must be of Class C" degenerate on a point, say  $Q$ , of  $\bar{l}$  and  $\pi'''$  of  $G_m$ , transforming  $Q$  into  $P$ . We shall set aside to a certain extent the distinction between a pencil of spatial points and its axis and speak of a fundamental pencil of  $[P]$  as a fundamental pencil of the axis  $l$ . Where this is done, it will be justified by the fact that the properties of an axis as determined by its projectivities determine the degeneracy or non-degeneracy of the fundamental pencils of the spatial pencils on that axis.

An ordinary spatial line whose first (second, third) fundamental pencil is degenerate on  $N$ , and no other of whose fundamental pencils is degenerate, is a special ordinary spatial line of

Type I, Class I (II, III)<sub>1</sub>. <sup>degenerate on  $\mathcal{N}$ .</sup> Such a line is denoted  $l$  of  $I_2$  ( $I_2, I_3$ )<sub>1</sub>. <sup>on  $\mathcal{N}$</sup>

An ordinary spatial line which has two of its fundamental pencils degenerate is a special ordinary spatial line of Type II, Class I (II, III) if its first (second, third) fundamental pencil is non-degenerate. Such a line is denoted  $l$  of  $II_1$  ( $II_2, II_3$ )

8. In this section is given a single theorem of alignment for spatial points which is needed as a prerequisite for certain definitions.

THEOREM VII. If  $A$  and  $B$  are any two distinct spatial points which are not both ideal,  $A$  and  $B$  are on one, and only one, ordinary spatial line.

Case I. Let both  $A$  and  $B$  be ordinary spatial points.

There is in general a single projectivity of  $C_m$  which transforms  $A_1B_1$  into  $A_2B_2$ , a single projectivity of  $C_m$  which transforms  $A_2B_2$  into  $A_3B_3$ , and a single projectivity of  $C_m$  which transforms  $A_3B_3$  into  $A_1B_1$ . Let these three projectivities be denoted  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ , and  $\pi'''$  respectively. Then they determine the line  $AB$  of which they are the first, second, and third projectivities respectively. If  $A_1 = B_1$  and  $B_1 = B_2$ , the proof just given breaks down; but the truth of the theorem is then obvious, the line  $AB$  being a line of  $II_3$ . The truth of the theorem is also obvious when  $AB$  is of  $I_1, I_2, I_3, II_1$ , or  $II_2$ .

Case II. Let A be an ordinary spatial point and B be an ideal spatial point T.

By III,6,  $T_1, M$ , and the pair  $A_1A_2$  determine a projectivity of  $C_m$ , say  $\pi'$ .  $T_2, M$ , " " "  $A_2A_3$  " " "  
 " " "  $\pi''$   $T_3, M$ , " " "  $A_3A_1$  " " "  
 A " "  $\pi'''$ . Then  $(\pi', \pi'', \pi''')$  determines a unique ordinary spatial line containing A and B (=T).

#### 9. Definitions of spatial planes and ideal spatial lines.

If  $l$  is any ordinary spatial line and A any ordinary spatial point not on  $l$ , the totality of spatial lines determined by A and X, X being a variable point representing any point of  $l$ , constitutes an ordinary spatial plane, which will be denoted  $\alpha$ . Since a spatial line consists of spatial points, the spatial plane  $\alpha$  may also be considered as a class of spatial points of which each spatial line on A is a subclass.

The totality of all ideal spatial points form the ideal spatial plane.

The totality of all ideal spatial points on an ordinary spatial plane constitutes an ideal spatial line, which will be denoted  $\lambda_\alpha$ . The ideal spatial line  $\lambda_\alpha$  of the plane  $\alpha$  is obviously a subclass of the class of points  $\alpha$ .

If  $l_n$  is a special ordinary spatial line of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$  on N,

and  $A_n$  an ordinary spatial point with  $N$  for its first (second, third) component, the spatial plane  $\alpha_n$  determined by  $l_n$  and  $A_n$  is a special spatial plane of Type I, Class I (II, III) on  $N$ , which is denoted  $\alpha$  of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$ .

The ideal line of a special spatial plane  $\alpha$  of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$  is a special ideal spatial line of Type  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$ , which is denoted  $\lambda$  of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$ .

10. THEOREM VIII. If  $P_n$  is an ordinary spatial point of  $\alpha$  of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$  on  $N$ , the first (second, third) component of  $P_n$  is  $N$ .

This follows at once from the fact that any line of the pencil defining  $\alpha_n$  contains two points having  $N$  for a common first (second, third) component.

THEOREM IX. If  $P_n$  is an ordinary spatial point having  $N$  for its first (second, third) component and  $\alpha_n = \alpha$  of  $I_1 (I_2, I_3)$   $P_n$  is a point of  $\alpha_n$ .

Let  $\alpha_n$  of  $I_1$  be determined by  $A_n$  and  $l_n$ , where  $A_n = (N, A_2, A_3)$ , and  $l_n$  is determined by  $B_n$  and  $C_n$ ,  $B_n = (N, B_2, B_3)$ ,  $C_n = (N, C_2, C_3)$ . and let  $P_n = (N, P_2, P_3)$ . Let  $\pi_1', \pi_2'', \pi_3''$  be the projectivities of  $l_n$  and let  $\pi_1'', \pi_2'', \pi_3''$  be the projectivities of the line  $l_2$  ( $l_2 = A_n P_n$ ) -

Then  $\pi_1''$  and  $\pi_2''$  have either a common pair of homologous points in common, say  $R_2, R_3$ , or a common characteristic throw  $T_r$ . Suppose the former is true. then  $R_n = (n, R_2, R_3)$  is an ordinary spatial



point common to  $l_n$  and  $l_2$ . Hence  $l_2$  is a line of  $\alpha_n$  and therefore  $P_n$  is a point of  $\alpha_n$ . If  $\pi_n^*$  and  $\pi_2''$  have a common characteristic throw,  $l_n$  and  $l_2$  have an ideal spatial point in common, and the proof follows as in the other case.

Cor. I The totality of ordinary spatial points each of which has the same first (second, third) component constitute the totality of ordinary spatial points of a special spatial plane of  $I_1$  ( $I_2, I_3$ ).

Cor. II. Any special spatial plane of Type I is determined by any three of its points which are non-collinear.

Cor. III. Any special ideal spatial line of  $I_1$  ( $I_2, I_3$ ) consists of the totality of ideal spatial points of the form  $(T_\infty, T_x, (T_\infty, T_x, T_0))$  [  $(T_0, T_\infty, T_x)$  or  $(T_x, T_0, T_\infty)$  ], where  $T_x$  is a variable throw taking all possible values, together with a special point  $(T_\infty, T_0, T_m)$  [  $(T_m, T_\infty, T_0)$  or  $(T_0, T_m, T_\infty)$  ] and a special point  $(T_m, T_\infty, T_0)$  [  $(T_0, T_m, T_\infty)$  or  $(T_\infty, T_0, T_m)$  ]

Cor. IV. Any ideal spatial line of  $I_1$   $KI_2, I_3L$  is uniquely determined by two of its points, and there is, therefore, one, and only one,  $\lambda$  of  $I_1$  ( $\lambda$  of  $I_2$ ,  $\lambda$  of  $I_3$ ).

Cor. V. If  $\alpha_n$  and  $\alpha_0$  are each of  $I_1$  ( $I_2, I_3$ ) on  $N$  and  $O$  respectively,  $N \neq O$ ,  $\alpha_n$  and  $\alpha_0$  have  $\lambda$  of  $I_1$  ( $\lambda$  of  $I_2$ ,  $\lambda$  of  $I_3$ ) in and no common spatial point not on that line.

THEOREM X. If B and C are distinct points of the ordinary spatial line  $l$  and A is any ordinary spatial point not on  $l$ , and if the first (second, third) projectivities of any two of the three lines  $l$ , AB, AC have a common characteristic throw  $T_K$ ,  $T_K \neq T_0, T_\infty$ , every ordinary line of the spatial plane determined by A and  $l$  has  $T_K$  for its first (second, third) projectivity.

Let  $AB = l_1$  and  $AC = l_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \quad MNB_1C_1 \bar{\wedge} MNB_2C_2 & \quad \therefore MNB_1B_2 \bar{\wedge} MNC_1C_2 \\ \pi_1 \quad MOA_1B_1 \bar{\wedge} MOA_2B_2 & \quad \therefore MOA_1A_2 \bar{\wedge} MOB_1B_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $T = T_1$ ,  $MNB_1B_2 \bar{\wedge} MCB_1B_2$ , and  $N=C$ . and  $\pi=\pi_1$ .

Let D and E be any ordinary spatial points on  $l$  and  $l_1$  respectively, Then from  $\pi$  :  $MND_1 \bar{\wedge} MNE_2$

$$" \quad \pi_1 : MNE_1 \bar{\wedge} MNE_2$$

$$\therefore MND_1D_2 \bar{\wedge} MNE_1E_2, \text{ and } MNDD_1E_1 \bar{\wedge} MNE_2E_2,$$

This projectivity which is the first projectivity of DE has its characteristic throw and two double points in common with  $\pi$  and  $\pi_1$ . And the line  $l_2$  is a line DE.

Cor. I.  $\pi=\pi_1=\pi_2$  in the proof just given.

Cor. II. The ideal line of such a plane consists of a set of ideal spatial points having  $T_K$  as a common first (second, third) component.

Definitions. An ideal spatial line in which the first (second, third) components of each of its points is the same throw, say  $T_\beta$ , is an ideal spatial line of Type II, Class I (II, III) on  $T_\beta$ , denoted  $\lambda$  of II<sub>1</sub> (II<sub>2</sub>, II<sub>3</sub>) on  $T_\beta$ . An ordinary spatial plane containing such a line is a special plane of Type II, Class I (II, III) on  $T_\beta$ , denoted  $\alpha$  of II<sub>1</sub> (II<sub>2</sub>, II<sub>3</sub>) on  $T_\beta$ . Any ordinary spatial plane which is not of Type I or Type II is of general type which may be denoted  $\alpha^g$ .

THEOREM XI. If  $\lambda_\beta$  is of II<sub>1</sub> (II<sub>2</sub>, II<sub>3</sub>) on  $T_\beta$ , and  $T^\beta$  is any ideal spatial point having  $T_\beta$  for its first (second, third) component, then  $T^\beta$  is a point of  $\lambda_\beta$ .

Let  $l$  ( $=BC$ ) and  $A$  determine  $\alpha$  of II<sub>1</sub>.

If  $(\pi', \pi'', \pi''')$  are the projectivities of  $l$ ,  $T^\beta = (T_\beta, T_\gamma, T_\delta)$ , two cases may arise,  $T_\gamma = T''$  and  $T_\gamma \neq T''$ . In the former case,  $T (=T', T'', T''') = T^\beta$ , which therefore lies on  $l$  and is a point of  $\lambda_\beta$ .

If  $T_\gamma \neq T''$ , let  $\pi_\gamma$  be the projectivity determined by  $T_\gamma$ , the double point  $M$ , and the pair  $A_2 A_3$ . Then by I. L.,  $\pi_\gamma$  and  $\pi''$  have a common pair of homologous points, say  $R_2 R_3$ . If  $\pi'^{-1}(R_2) = R_1$ ,  $R = (R_1, R_2, R_3)$  is a point of  $l$ .  $MA_1 R_1 \bar{A} MA_2 R_2$  defines a projectivity, say  $\pi_\beta$ , which has  $T_\beta (=T')$  for its characteristic throw. For  $A$  and  $R$  both lie in  $\alpha$  of II<sub>1</sub> on  $T_\beta$ .

$$\pi_\gamma \pi_\beta (MA_1 R_1) = MA_2 R_3.$$

$T_\delta$  is determined uniquely as the characteristic throw of  $\pi_\delta$ ,

Then  $T^{\beta} = (T_{\beta}, T_{\gamma}, T_{\delta})$  is the ideal point of the line AR, and therefore is a point of  $\lambda_{\beta}$ .

Cor. I. There is one, and only one,  $\lambda$  of  $II_1$  ( $II_2, II_3$ ) on  $T_{\beta}$ .

Cor. II. The line  $\lambda$  of  $II_1$  ( $II_2, II_3$ ) is determined by any two distinct points on it.

Cor. III. Any plane  $\alpha$  of  $II_1$  ( $II_2, III$ ) is determined by any three of its points which are non-collinear.

Cor. IV. Any two distinct lines of a given plane  $\alpha$  of  $II_1$  ( $II_2, II_3$ ) have one, and only one, point in common.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem IX, Cor. IV, Theorem XI, Cor. II, and the definitions we have the following Theorem.

THEOREM XII. If  $T^{\rho}$  and  $T^{\sigma}$  are any two ideal points of an  $\alpha$  of general type,  $T^{\rho}$  and  $T^{\sigma}$  do not have a common first (second, or third component).

Cor. I. Any ideal point of an  $\alpha^g$  is determined uniquely by its first, second, or third component and  $\alpha^g$ .

THEOREM XIII. In any given ordinary spatial plane of general type  $\alpha^g$  there is one, and only one, ideal spatial point which has a given throw  $T_{\beta}$  for its first (second, third) component.

Let  $\alpha^g$  be determined by A and l. It is only necessary to prove that if the ideal point of l does not have its first (second, third) component equal to  $T_{\beta}$ , some other ideal point of  $\alpha^g$  does. Let  $\pi_{\beta}$  be the projectivity determined by  $T_{\beta}$ , the double point M,

and the pair of homologous points  $A_1A_2$ . Then  $\pi_3$  and  $\pi'$  have a common pair, say  $R_1R_2$ , which determines a point,  $R=(R_1,R_2,R_3)$ , of  $l$ . The ideal point of the line  $AR$  is an ideal point of  $\alpha g$  with the given component, and it is the only such point.

Theorem XIV

11.  $\lambda$  If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are any three non-collinear spatial points not all of which are ideal, and  $X$  and  $Y$  are any two points on  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively, there is one, and only one, spatial point collinear with  $X$  and  $Y$  and with  $B$  and  $C$ .

Case I.  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are all ordinary.

Let the lines  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $BC$ , and  $XY$  be denoted  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$ ,  $l_3$ , and  $l_4$  respectively.

$$\pi_1'(MA_1B_1X_1) = MA_2B_2X_2. \quad \pi_1''(MA_2B_2X_2) = MA_3B_3X_3.$$

$$\pi_2'(MA_1C_1Y_1) = MA_2C_2Y_2. \quad \pi_2''(MA_2C_2Y_2) = MA_3C_3Y_3.$$

$$\pi_3'(MB_1C_1R_1) = MB_2C_2R_2. \quad \pi_3''(MB_2C_2S_2) = MB_3C_3S_3.$$

$$\pi_4'(MX_1Y_1R_1) = MX_2Y_2R_2. \quad \pi_4''(MX_2Y_2S_2) = MX_3Y_3S_3.$$

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  denote any pair of homologous points, each distinct from  $M$ , which is common to  $\pi_3'$  and  $\pi_4'$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  any such pair common to  $\pi_3''$  and  $\pi_4''$ .

The former pair exists if, and only if,  $T_3' \neq T_4'$ .

" latter " " " " " "  $T_3'' \neq T_4''$ .

To prove the theorem for this case it is only necessary to show that if  $T_3' = T_4'$ ,  $T_3'' = T_4''$ , and if  $T_3' \neq T_4'$ ,  $R_2 = S_2$ .

Let us consider first the case where  $T_3' \neq T_4'$  and  $T_3'' \neq T_4''$ .

Each projectivity of a spatial line determines a planar line, the ordinary points of which consist of the homologous point pairs of the projectivity. Let  $(J_1, J_2) = J'$  and  $(J_2, J_3) = J''$ , where  $J = A, B, C, X, Y, R, S$ . Let  $(P_1, P_1) = P_1$  and  $(P_2, P_2) = P_2$ , where  $P = A, B, C, X, Y, R, S$ . And we have the following planar perspectivities:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{mA_1B_1X_1} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{ab}A'B'X' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mA_2B_2X_2} \xrightarrow{\lambda} T''_{ab}A''B''X'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mA_3B_3X_3}, \\ T_{mA_1C_1Y_1} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{ac}A'C'Y' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mA_2C_2Y_2} \xrightarrow{\lambda} T''_{ac}A''C''Y'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mA_3C_3Y_3}, \\ T_{mB_1C_1R_1} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{bc}B'C'R' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mB_2C_2R_2} \xrightarrow{\lambda} T''_{bc}B''C''R'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mB_3C_3R_3}, \\ T_{mX_1Y_1R_1} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{xy}X'Y'R' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mX_2Y_2R_2} \xrightarrow{\lambda} T''_{xy}X''Y''R'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mX_3Y_3R_3}, \\ T_{mX_2Y_2S_2} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{xy}X''Y''S'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mX_3Y_3S_3}, \\ T_{mB_2C_2S_2} &\xrightarrow{\lambda} T'_{bc}B''C''S'' \xrightarrow{\tau_0} T_{mB_3C_3S_3}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $T'$  be the intersection of the ideal planar line with  $A'A_3$ ,  $B''C''$ ,  $X''$ ,  $Y''$ , and  $S''$  be the intersections of  $T_0B_2$  with  $T'B_3$ ,  $T_0C_2$  with  $T'C_3$ ,  $T_0X_2$  with  $T'X_3$ ,  $T_0Y_2$  with  $T'Y_3$ , and  $T_0S_2$  with  $T'S_3$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{mA_2B_2X_2} &\xrightarrow{\tau_0} T'_{ab}A'B''X'' \xrightarrow{\lambda} T_{mA_3B_3X_3}, \\ T_{mA_2C_2Y_2} &\xrightarrow{\tau_0} T'_{ac}A'C''Y'' \xrightarrow{\lambda} T_{mA_3C_3Y_3}, \\ T_{mB_2C_2S_2} &\xrightarrow{\tau_0} T'_{bc}B''C''S'' \xrightarrow{\lambda} T_{mB_3C_3S_3}, \\ T_{mX_2Y_2S_2} &\xrightarrow{\tau_0} T'_{xy}X''Y''S'' \xrightarrow{\lambda} T_{mX_3Y_3S_3}, \quad S'' \text{ being thereby determined.} \end{aligned}$$

Then the following triples of points are collinear:

$T_0 B' B''$ ,  $T_0 C' C''$ ,  $T_0 X' X''$ ,  $T_0 Y' Y''$ ,  $A' B' X'$ ,  $A' C' Y'$ ,  $A' B'' X''$ ,  $A' C'' Y''$ ,  
 $B' C' R'$ ,  $X' Y' R'$ ,  $B'' C'' S''$ ,  $X'' Y'' S''$ .

Let the intersection of  $C' B''$  with  $Y' X''$  be denoted  $H$ .

By the Theorem of Desargues, since the planar triangles  $B' C' B''$  and  $X' Y' X''$  are perspective from  $A'$ ,  $R'$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $S''$  are collinear, and since the planar triangles  $C' B'' C''$  and  $Y' X'' Y''$  are perspective from  $A'$ ,  $H$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $S''$  are collinear. Therefore  $R'$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $S''$  are collinear unless  $H$  coincides with  $T_0$ , in which case  $B' B' C' C'$  are collinear and  $X' X' Y' Y'$  are collinear, and  $R' : S''$ .

$R_2$  and  $S_2$  are the projections of  $R'$  and  $S''$  respectively upon the identical line from  $T_0$ , and therefore coincide since  $R'$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $S''$  are collinear.

In the case which has been considered  $H$  cannot be ideal since  $R'$  and  $S''$  are ordinary points. Suppose  $T_3^1 = T_4^1$ , but that  $T_3^2 \neq T_4^2$ . Then an ideal point  $T^r$  instead of the ordinary point  $R'$  would be collinear with  $X'$  and  $Y'$ , and it would follow that  $T^r$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $S''$  were collinear. But this is impossible, for two ideal points cannot be collinear with an ordinary point. Hence if  $T_3^1 = T_4^1$ ,  $T_3^2 \neq T_4^2$ . An argument similar to this proves the converse. Therefore the theorem is established for Case I

Case II. A is ideal, B and C are ordinary.

The proof is very similar to that for Case I.  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$  coincide with  $T_m$ , which is accordingly substituted for each of them in the perspectivities.  $A'$  and  $A''$  are replaced by ideal points  $T'_a$  and  $T''_a$  respectively. Otherwise there are practically no changes in the argument.

It is evident also that a very similar proof could be worked out if B or C had been taken as the ideal point instead of A.

Case III. If A is ordinary and B and C are ideal.

In the proof given for Case I,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $B_3$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$  coincide with  $T_m$ , which accordingly replaces each of them in the perspectivities, and  $B'$ ,  $B''$ ,  $C'$ , and  $C''$  are replaced by ideal points  $T'_b$ ,  $T''_b$ ,  $T'_c$ , and  $T''_c$  respectively.

Cor. I. If  $l$  is an ordinary spatial line, A any ordinary spatial point not on  $l$ , and X and Y any two distinct points of the plane  $\alpha$  determined by A and  $l$ , every point of the spatial line XY is a point of  $\alpha$ .

Let B, C, R be the points in which  $l$  is met by AX, AY, and XY respectively. X, Y, and R are points of  $\alpha$  by hypothesis. Let Z be any point of XY ( $Z \neq X, Y, R$ ). A lies on YC, and Z on YR. Therefore AZ meets RC, and Z is a point of  $\alpha$ .



12. Theorem XV. If  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are any two distinct lines of an ordinary spatial plane  $\alpha$ ,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  have one, and only one, point in common.

Let the plane be determined by  $A$  and  $l$ . Then let  $l_3$  be a line through  $A$  meeting  $l_1$  and  $l$  in  $B_1$  and  $B$  respectively, and  $l_4$  a line through  $A$  meeting  $l_2$  and  $l$  in  $C_2$  and  $C$  respectively. Let the intersections of  $l$  with  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively. Since  $l_2$  meets  $D_1B$  and  $D_1B_1$ , it also meets  $BB_1$ , say in  $B_2$ . Since  $l_1$  meets  $D_2C$  and  $D_2C_2$ , it also meets  $CC_2$ , say in  $C_1$ . Since  $C_1D_1$  meets  $AB_2$  and  $AC_2$ , it meets  $B_2C_2$ , or  $l_1$  meets  $l_2$ .

THEOREM XVI. If  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are any three non-collinear points of an ordinary spatial plane  $\alpha$ ,  $A, B$ , and  $C$  determine  $\alpha$ .

By hypothesis at least one of the points, say  $C$ , must be ordinary. Then any ordinary point  $A'$  on  $AC$  determines with  $BC$  a plane  $\alpha'$ . Every point of  $BC$ , and therefore every point of  $\alpha'$  is a point of  $\alpha$ . Let  $E$  and  $F$  be any two points of  $\alpha$ . The line  $EF$  meets every line of  $\alpha'$ , since every line of  $\alpha'$  is also a line of  $\alpha$ . Since not all of the lines of  $\alpha'$  are concurrent,  $CD$  must contain at least two points of  $\alpha'$ , and therefore must be a line of  $\alpha'$ . Therefore  $\alpha' = \alpha$ , and  $\alpha$  is determined by  $A, B$ , and  $C$ .

13. THEOREM XVII. If  $\alpha$  is any spatial plane and  $l$  any <sup>ordinary</sup> spatial line not a line of  $\alpha$ ,  $l$  has one, and only one, point in common with  $\alpha$ .

The truth of the theorem is obvious if  $\alpha$  is the ideal spatial plane. It is also obvious that  $l$  cannot have two points in common with  $\alpha$ , since it is by hypothesis not a line of  $\alpha$ . It remains to show that  $l$  always does have one point in common with  $\alpha$  when  $\alpha$  is an ordinary spatial plane.

Case I.  $\alpha$  is of Type I.

Then if  $T' = T_\infty$ ,  $T$  is a point of  $\alpha$ . If  $T' \neq T_\infty$ , and  $\alpha$  is on  $N_1$ ,  $\pi'$  transforms  $N_1$  into a definite point of  $\bar{l}$ , say  $N_2$ . Consider three projectivities of  $C_m$ ,  $\pi'_n$ ,  $\pi''_n$ , and  $\pi'''_n$  defined as follows:  $\pi'_n$  is any projectivity of  $C_m$  which transforms  $N_1$  into  $N_2$ ,  $\pi''_n$  is that projectivity of  $C'$  which is degenerate on  $N_2$ ,  $\pi'''_n$  is that projectivity of  $C''$  which is degenerate on  $N_1$ .

Let  $\pi''(N_2) = N_3$ . Then  $N = (N_1, N_2, N_3)$  is a point common to  $l$  and  $l_n$ , which is determined by  $(\pi'_n, \pi''_n, \pi'''_n)$ , and therefore is a point common to  $l$  and  $\alpha$ .

The proof is practically the same when  $\alpha$  is of  $I_2$  or  $I_3$ .

Case II.  $\alpha$  is of Type  $II_1$ . Let  $T'_a$  be the common first component of all ideal points of  $\alpha$ . Then if  $T' = T'_a$ ,  $T$  is a point of  $\alpha$ . If  $T' \neq T'_a$ ,  $\pi'$  and  $\pi'_a$  have a common pair of homologous points, say  $P_1P_2$ . If  $\pi''(P_2) = P_3$ ,  $P = (P_1, P_2, P_3)$  is a point of  $l$ .\*

The ideal line of  $\alpha$  contains a single point, say  $T_1$ , whose second component is  $T''$ . Let  $PT_1 = l_1$ . Let  $l_2$  be any ordinary line of  $\alpha$  which does not contain  $T_1$ . If  $T_1'' \neq T_2''$ ,  $\pi_1''$  and  $\pi_2''$  have a pair of homologous points, say  $Q_2, Q_3$ . Then if  $\pi_2'^{-1}(Q_2) = Q_1$ ,  $Q = (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$  is an ordinary point of  $l_2$ ..  $T_1' = T_2'$ , and  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  each transform  $P_1$  into  $P_2$ .  $\therefore \pi_1 = \pi_2$ .  $\pi_1'^{-1}(Q_2) = \pi_2'^{-1}(Q_2)$ , and  $Q = (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$  is on  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ ,  $l_1$  is a line of  $\alpha$ .  $P$  is on  $\alpha$ , and  $P$  is on  $l$ .  $\therefore l$  meets  $\alpha$  in the point  $P$ .

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\* If  $\pi''$  is a degenerate projectivity which transforms  $P_2$  into a variable  $P_3$ , then the point  $P$  is not a unique point. But in that case  $\pi_1''$  must also be a projectivity of  $C'$ .  $\therefore \pi_1''$  and  $\pi_2''$  determine a unique pair of homologous points as before.

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With a few changes of subscripts and primes, this proof will hold where  $\alpha$  is of Type  $II_2$  or Type  $II_3$ .

Case III.  $\alpha$  is of general type.

Then there is one, and only one, ideal point of  $\alpha$ , say  $T_1$ , which has its second component equal to  $T''$ . (Theorem XIII)

If  $T_1 = T$ , the truth of the theorem is obvious. If  $T_1 \neq T$ ,  $T_1$  with  $l$  determines a plane  $\alpha'$ . Let  $l_2$  be any line of  $\alpha$  of which  $T_1$  is not a point. By Case I or Case II,  $l_2$  has a unique point, say  $P_1$ , in common with  $\alpha'$ . Let  $P_1T_1 = l_1$ . Then  $l_1$  is a line common to  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ , and  $l_1$  meets  $l$  in a unique

point, say  $P_3$ , which is therefore a point common to  $l$  and  $\alpha$ .

THEOREM XVIII. If  $T^\beta$  and  $T^\gamma$  are any two distinct ideal spatial points,  $T^\beta$  and  $T^\gamma$  uniquely determine an ideal spatial line.

Let  $A$  and  $A'$  be any two ordinary spatial points, and let  $B$  and  $B'$  be any two ordinary spatial points on the lines  $AT^\beta$  and  $A'T^\beta$  respectively. Then  $B$  with  $AT^\gamma$  and  $B'$  with  $A'T^\gamma$  determine two planes uniquely, say  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  respectively. Every line of  $\alpha$  has a point in common with  $\alpha'$ . But  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  have no ordinary point in common, else they would coincide. Therefore the ideal point of every line of  $\alpha$  is a point of  $\alpha'$ . A converse argument proves that every ideal point of  $\alpha'$  is a point of  $\alpha$ . Therefore  $T^\beta$  and  $T^\gamma$  uniquely determine an ideal line which is common to  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ .

THEOREM XIX. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are any two distinct spatial planes,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have a line in common, and no common point not on that line.

If either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  is the ideal spatial plane, the theorem is obvious. If both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are ordinary, since every line of  $\alpha$  meets  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  must contain at least two common points, which will uniquely determine a line common to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

That no point not on that line is common to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  follows from the fact that three non-collinear points determine a plane.

THEOREM X X. If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are any two distinct ideal spatial lines,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  have one, and only one, point in common.

Let A be any ordinary spatial point. A with  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  determine two planes  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  respectively which have in common an ordinary spatial line through A. The ideal point of this line is the only ideal point common to  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , and therefore is the only point common to  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

Cor. I. If  $\alpha$  is an ordinary spatial plane of which the ideal line is  $\lambda$ , and if  $\lambda_1$  is any ideal spatial line distinct from  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda_1$  meets  $\alpha$  in one, and only one, point.

14. We have then the following relations between the points, lines, and planes which have been defined in terms of the points of  $\bar{l}$ :

A1 and A2. If A and B are any two distinct spatial points, there is one, and only one, line on both A and B. (Theorem VII, Theorem IX, Cor. IV, Theorem XI, Cor. II, and Theorem XVIII.)

A3. If  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are any two distinct coplanar spatial lines,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  have one point, and only one point, in common. (Theorem XIV and Theorem XX.)

C. If  $\alpha$  is any spatial plane and  $l$  any spatial line not a line of  $\alpha$ ,  $l$  has one point, and only one point, in common with  $\alpha$ . (Theorem XVII. and Theorem XX, Cor. I.)